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Executive Director

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Mr. Sam Wercinski  
Arizona Real Estate Commissioner  
2910 N. 44<sup>th</sup> Street  
Phoenix, AZ 85018

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AZ Dept. of Real Estate

Re: Clandestine Drug Laboratories

Dear Mr. Wercinski,

The Board of Technical Registration has been tasked by the legislature to regulate certain illegal drug laboratory remediation efforts. This task was assigned in HB 2595, which was passed in 2003. The law was amended in August 2005 by SB 1473 and added A.R.S. § 12-1000(C). This agency is currently maintaining a database of seized drug laboratories meeting the criteria set forth in A.R.S. § 12-990(1).

A.R.S. § 12-1000(C) specifies the owner of the real property responsibility to remediate the residually contaminated portion of the real property within twelve months after the date of notice of removal by retaining a registered drug laboratory site remediation firm, or a county or city in this state may remediate the property using a registered remediation firm with the cost of remediation passed on to the property owner in the form of a lien on the property title. A.R.S. § 12-1000(F) specifies the owner, landlord or manager of the real property disclosure requirements to comply with until the remediation is complete. A.R.S. § 12-1000(G) further specifies; "if the owner fails to provide any notice required by this section, the owner is subject to a civil penalty of one thousand dollars and is liable for any harm resulting from the owner's failure to comply with the requirements of this section."

This agency is initiating steps to help communicate the property owner's responsibility and our role in the remediation requirements. If your Department feels that the real estate community would be interested in this type of information, please feel free to notify them that we are available to explain our role and responsibilities and provide them with my contact number 602-364-4948.

Sincerely,

Lisa Lawhorn

Drug Laboratory Site Remediation Program Coordinator